

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2179 – HB 2487

March 6, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the placement of speed limit signs as close as possible to the beginning of the speed limit zone on state and interstate highways, provided the signs may be moved for other signs that have a higher primacy; requires second speed limit signs be placed within 1,320 feet from the first sign; and all subsequent signs be placed within 4,000 feet from the previous sign. The provisions of the bill shall only apply to signs erected or installed on or after July 1, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$384,300/Highway Fund

Increase Local Expenditures - \$49,300\*

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013184):** Deletes all language of the original bill. Requires each speed limit sign on a state highway to be placed at a distance not to exceed five miles from the previous sign. Requires each speed limit sign on an interstate highway to be placed at a distance not to exceed eight miles from the previous sign. The provisions of the bill as amended shall only apply to signs erected or installed on or after July 1, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Currently, there are 2,208 interstate miles, with 615 speed limit signs, and 28,000 state route miles, with 16,772 speed limit signs, in Tennessee.
- The average distance between speed limit signs is estimated to be 3.59 miles on interstates (2,208 / 615), and 1.67 miles on state highways (28,000 / 16,772).
- Requiring that any new signs erected or installed on or after July 1, 2016, to be placed at a distance not to exceed eight miles on interstates and five miles on state highways will not result in a significant increase in expenditures to state or local government.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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